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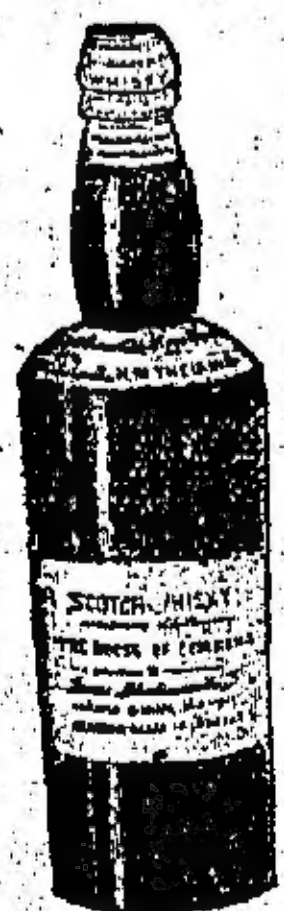
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Arctique	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	Along Bay
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5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Ethen Mark

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THURSDAY, January 15:—

11 a.m.—Tenders for Government Bills

received by Chief Paymaster.

Noon.—Two Life-Boats to be sold off

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2.30 p.m.—Auction of Sundry House-

hold Furniture, at No. 39, Morrison

Hill Road.

Transfer Books of The China Provident

Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., closed

from this date to the 17th January,

inclusive.

9 p.m.—Performance in the City Hall.

FRIDAY, January 16:—

9.00 p.m.—Meeting of Perseverance

Lodge.

SATURDAY, January 17:—

11 a.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of

The China Provident Loan and Mort-

gage Co., Ltd., at the Company's

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MONDAY, January 19:—

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1889 110.72

1890 70.39

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BIRTHS.

On the 12th inst., at No. 10, Seymour

Terrace, the wife of C. H. LAMBERT, of a

Son.

On the 27th December, at Tientsin, the

wife of H. SCHILL, of a Daughter.

On the 5th January, at 21, Whangpoo

Road, Shanghai, the wife of WALTER F.

HARRIS, of a Daughter.

DEATHS.

On the 10th November, at Chungking, of

cholera, HAROLD SHELTON, the second and

only surviving son of the Rev. J. & Mrs.

Parker; aged 3 years and 9 months.

On the 22nd December, at Nanjing,

PAUL WADSWORTH, the only son of the Rev.

Wilbur A. and Julia B. Eades (the latter

deceased); aged one month and three days.

On the 5th January, at 22, Choufoong

Road, Shanghai, of consumption, ZELIE

JEANNE ROSA HUNTER, in her 20th year.

At the General Hospital, Shanghai, on

the 6th January, WILLIAM BRUCE, Acting

Chief Gaoler of H.B.M.'s Gaol, in his

53rd year.

At his residence in Hongkong, on the

6th January, the Rev. XIOT-SOON CHU,

Pastor of the native congregation at the

Church of Our Saviour.

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HONGKONG, MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 1908.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

After four dry years,

THE YEAR'S

RAINFALL

had one considerably

above the average.

The rainfall for 1902 amounted to 97.50

inches, and the average for the previous

18 years to 83.63 inches. The first four

months of the year were exceptionally

dry, including two 'lowest on record';

then followed four wet months, May

August averaging over 20 inches a

month, and if allowance be made for

the fact that the rains did not begin till

the end of May and finished in the mid-

dle of August, the average comes to not

less than 25 inches a month. Septem-

ber and October were dry months, and

November and December decidedly

above the average; so much so that we

had a green cricket ground at Xmas—a

most unusual phenomenon. We give

below the monthly rainfall for the year

and a table showing the yearly rainfall

since the Observatory was started:—

RAINFALL AT HONGKONG OBSERVATORY.

1902 1884-1901

January 0.25 1.38 8.43 0.00

February 0.02 2.25 7.95 0.24

March 0.48 2.75 10.43 0.12

April 1.84 5.82 14.89 1.96

May 26.73 12.05 48.84 1.15

June 15.44 16.40 34.37 2.34

July 16.35 12.28 28.24 4.37

August 25.51 13.50 27.87 4.20

September 0.63 8.17 19.11 1.94

October 0.94 5.10 17.87 0.01

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December 2.96 0.98 4.09 0.00

YEARLY RAINFALL AT HONGKONG

OBSERVATORY.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Rats in Ships' Holds.

Professor Koch, the well-known Ger-

man scientist, claims to have discovered a

form of gas that will effectually destroy

rats in the holds of ships.

Resurrecting Porkers.

For disinfecting pigs at Kennedy

Town, the animals having been buried by

order of the Sanitary Board, a Chinese was

sent to jail for two months at the Magis-

trate, to-day.

A Collision.

From the *China Times* we learn that a

collision has taken place close to Port

Arthur between the Russian steamer *Yin-*

kon, 85 tons, Captain Petropoff, and the

Russian steamer *Mahna*, 267 tons, Captain

Wassiloff.

A Warning to Foreigners.

A correspondent in a recent letter from

Hankow says: 'The country seems

very unsettled, and at present there are

rumors about here saying that we are all

going to be driven away in a few days;

so don't be surprised if you see us at

Shanghai soon.'

International Plague Regulations.

A London telegram dated the 25th

ult. says: 'The International Medical

Congress at Cairo has passed a resolution

urging a revision of the international

regulations applicable to plague and

cholera and summoning an international

congress therefor.

Chinese for Chess.

For sheer cheek, the Chinese will take

a lot of beating. A Pekinese woman, with

an infant just arrived at the walking stage,

entered the Supreme Court, by the portal

for officers of the Court, to-day, while

the two judges were sitting. The young-

ster walked up to Mr. Slade, who was one

of the Counsel engaged in the appeal being

heard, and thrust before him a begging

letter. When waved away the little chap

only grined, put out his hand for cumsis,

and then picked up his paper and retired,

grudgingly. When outside, the court

room, woman and child made a final stand

and held their ground until a good harvest

of cents was reaped.

The Currency of China.

'We must follow the currency of

China,' says the Hongkong-currency expert,

and we read the following in the letter of

a Swatow correspondent to a Shanghai con-

temporary:—Our currency, in the matter

SUPREME COURT.

IN APPELLATE JURISDICTION.
(Before the Full Court).
Monday, January 12, 1903.

AN EXECUTOR'S DUTY.

PAU KWOK CHIU appealed from an order of the court, dated 10th September, giving costs against him in his capacity as executor of the estate of PAU A YAI, deceased. The respondents were the three sons of the latter, PAU LUNG and others, who benefited under the will, which, according to the original statement of claim, was dated 1878, and bequeathed PAU A YAI's property to the defendant in trust to be divided in equal shares amongst his sons on their attaining 18 years of age, and appointed defendant as executor. The defendant thereby obtained possession of property in Hongkong, being the estate of the testator, of over \$40,000 in value, though the defendant in his application for probate of the will swore the value of the estate to be under \$6,000. The property consisted of two parcels of land, Island Lots Nos. 239 and 240, the Kwong Yuen compradore shop in Jubilee Street, of which the testator was the sole owner, and other property, including shares in shops, cargo-boats, money, jewelry and personal effects. He had refused to give plaintiffs any proper accounts of his dealings with the said property and had wilfully and fraudulently concealed from them the true nature and value of the property left to them by the testator and had lost by negligence or by unauthorized and improper investments or had converted to his own use the larger portion of the property. Out of the property, with the exception of a small allowance prior to the plaintiffs granting defendant a release from all claims with reference to the estate, the plaintiffs had received from the defendant no more than \$1,700. On 15th August, 1902, the defendant, without disclosing to the plaintiffs the true value of the testator's property or his dealings therewith, fraudulently induced the plaintiffs to execute a release to him from all claims, accounts or demands concerning the estate. He stated that the only property was Island Lot No. 239 and one-half of the Kwong Yuen shop. At the date of the execution of the release the plaintiffs were under the age of 21 years. They agreed that the release be as wide, that an account be taken of the estate and of the dealings and transactions by the defendant with or without reference to the said estate, and that the defendant should pay to the plaintiffs such a sum, together with compound interest at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum, as on the taking of the account might be due from the defendant to the plaintiffs.

In his answer defendant denied that the estate included cargo-boats or jewelry except a gold watch, or was of the value of \$40,000. He had rendered to the plaintiffs proper and proper accounts of his executorship. From the date of the release he became executor until the division of the estate he devoted the whole of the income arising from the estate to the support and education of the plaintiffs; and as the income was insufficient for that purpose he supplemented it from his own money to the amount of \$6,571. When the estate was divided and the release executed, the defendant gave the plaintiffs a full and complete account of the executorship and the plaintiffs signed their receipts therefor.

Mr. Sharp, with whom was Mr. Morgan Phillips (instructed by Mr. Goldring) appeared for the appellant; and Mr. Slade (instructed by Mr. D'Almeida) was for the defendant.

Mr. Justice WISE asked Mr. Sharp, before he went further, if he was appealing from a consent order.

Mr. Sharp—We are appealing from an order which is by consent as to the setting aside of a release, and also as to the granting of an inquiry and an account, but not as to costs.

Mr. Justice WISE—You are appealing from an order which is by consent as to the setting aside of a release, and also as to the granting of an inquiry and an account, but not as to costs.

Mr. Justice WISE—I am inclined to think that the learned Judge thought the whole thing was by consent.

The Chief Justice—Most certainly did. The decree was drawn up and settled by Counsel in my chambers. The first thing that occurred afterwards was that Mr. Hastings on the 16th September—the decree was made on the 10th—appeared and asked that the decree be stayed in order that the defendant might have an opportunity of considering its terms. I thought that was absurd, the decree having been made by consent. The setting aside of the release having been agreed to, costs followed, I would have assumed.

Mr. Sharp—It was giving effect to your Lordship's order, contrary to my friend's argument.

The Chief Justice—My recollection is that nothing was said to me that there was no jurisdiction to give costs. They were entitled, as I understood to the costs.

Mr. Justice WISE—There is nothing to show that the paragraph as to costs was not by request.

Mr. Sharp—I don't grammatically recall that the part of the decree to which we object is by consent.

The Chief Justice suggested that Mr. Morgan Phillips might be heard. A statement might have been put on the life. He had certainly believed that all was by consent. The case was argued and some of the points gone into, and not a word was said, that his Lordship remembered, in objection to costs when the decree was made.

Mr. Sharp—But there had been the day before.

The Chief Justice—Mr. Morgan Phillips will probably speak as to that. No authorities were quoted to me, but I will be glad to hear Mr. Morgan Phillips. I would be the last man to stop any appeal on my own memory.

Mr. Sharp said that at the moment of consenting the case by Mr. Slade, Mr. Morgan Phillips interposed and consented to the setting aside of the release. His Lordship's notes said "Mr. Slade having opened"—that was not true.

Mr. Justice WISE—Do you suggest that the Judge's notes are inaccurate—all this inaccuracy?

Mr. Sharp—No in the least. They are brief, of course; as all Judge's notes are, but not inaccurate. We were bound to open the proceedings, because the defendant was charged with fraud. We said from the beginning that we did not rely on the release. In court, Mr. Morgan Phillips consented to the setting aside of the release, also the account and inquiry, but the object of costs. Next day he had to consent, your Lordship having decided against him, but that cannot be construed into costs by consent, and I submit that it does not constitute sufficient grounds for stopping this appeal, and for consenting to the setting aside of the release in order that it might not be a bar to the granting of the account and inquiry; but we did not

admit the grounds upon which the plaintiffs sought the release, viz. that the release was extracted from infants by means of a fraud. Fraud runs right through the plaintiff's statement, and this compelled the defendant to resist the proceedings. We admitted at once that one or more of the plaintiffs being a minor or minors, this release was not a valid legal document, but we held that, the defendant having been bound to take some sort of the estate was distributed in accordance with the terms of the will in April of 1893, if the accounts show that there has been no misconduct on our part, then the release will hold good.

The Chief Justice—My opinion is that the executor ought to be very particular and should take the thing into court. I should not have taken some steps to protect the minor plaintiffs. Mr. Sharp—In point of fact the plaintiffs are indebted to the defendant in the amount of \$6,100.

The Chief Justice—He must be kind. Mr. Sharp—He is a relative.

The Chief Justice—An uncle? (Laughter). Mr. Sharp—said the account would show whether the plaintiff had acted fraudulently or not. The question of costs, in view of the fact that no inquiry had yet been made, should be left until after the account was gone into. Then if misconduct on the part of the defendant was proved he would be liable not merely for these costs, but probably for all the costs in the action.

The Chief Justice—The release was not assiduously sought.

Mr. Sharp—Yes, but—

The Chief Justice—Why should I have power to set aside the release if that had been properly obtained?

Mr. Morgan Phillips, himself, explains why.

The Chief Justice—We should like to hear from him as a member of the Bar his recollection of what transpired at the hearing. The fact that he agreed to the setting aside of the release was tantamount to an admission that it was improperly obtained.

Mr. Sharp—No, my Lord.

The Chief Justice—The fact that he was Mr. Sharp referred to paragraph 10 of the statement of claim, which recited that the defendant had fraudulently induced the plaintiffs to execute the release. The first time the release was mentioned by the plaintiffs to the defendant it was in connection with a charge of fraud, otherwise they would have immediately waived it, but, under the circumstances as they revealed themselves in the facts of the case, the defendant could not have adopted any course other than that which he had followed without testily admitting the fraud.

The Chief Justice said they would hear Mr. Morgan Phillips.

Mr. Morgan Phillips stated his recollection of the case. His instructions were to abandon the release inasmuch as at the time it was made one or more of the beneficiaries was under the age of twenty-one, and thus it was invalid as a legal document. Mr. Slade consented to open, and as soon as he knew that Mr. Slade was opening his case, he interposed by consenting to an ordinary account and inquiries being taken. He had objected when they came to the question of costs, and the reason why he did not raise the point afterwards was that at the subsequent stage any such declaration would have been impracticable and unavailing.

Mr. Slade confirmed this statement in general terms.

Mr. Sharp directed authorities to sustain the principle that costs should only be given against an executor when misconduct is proven.

Their Lordships dismissed the appeal with costs.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE CHINESE LANGUAGE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, January 12, 1903.

DEAR SIR,—Your leader of Saturday last draws attention to one of the weak points of foreign, and especially of British, commerce in China—the merchant's ignorance of the Chinese language. The Consul (at least the British Consul), the I.M. Customs Official and the missionary all know the language of the people among whom they live. Not so the merchant. It is because the merchant's business is less important than the Consul's or the Customs man's. As China is opened up, men will be required with a good knowledge of the language.

—Cantonese, the West River; Mandarin on the Yangtze—to advance the interests of commerce. Where will they be found? If they are to be ready, then they must prepare now. Let us from personal experience assure any one who proposes to study Chinese (though it is difficult) are greatly exaggerated, and that the contempt which he will have to face will certainly not be from the Chinese.—Yours faithfully,

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FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG F.C. & VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

That the Civilian element in this year's shield ties is not yet "wiped out," was instanced on Saturday when two Clubs met on the Happy Valley ground. The V.R.C. were to be congratulated on having been able to get together an eleven that has managed to do well against the "Club." The teams lined up as follows:—

H.K.C.C.—C. C. Hickling, goal; T. E. Pearce and J. W. C. Bonnar, backs; G. B. Macdonald, R. A. C. T. Kew and R. Kerr, halves; W. R. Leachman, E. J. Libaud, Les. C. R. S. Cooper and G. A. Cooke, R.N. forwards.

V.R.C.—J. H. R. Hance, goal; G. Wilson and J. W. C. Bonnar, backs; R. Lapeley, E. R. Herton and J. Ferguson, halves; H. A. Selt, R. Henderson, A. Humphrey, H. S. Holmes and H. W. Sayer, forwards.

After 10 minutes' play, Sayer notched the first goal for the V.R.C., after which, during almost the whole of the first half, the V.R.C. were well up in their opponents' territory. Nothing, however, was added to the score when the whistle sounded for half time.

On resuming play, the "Club" put in some excellent work, and two goals against the V.R.C. were scored in quick succession. A foul throw in from touch by their opponents, gave the V.R.C. an opportunity to equalize and a well-placed kick by Selt landed on Sayer's feet, who just found the net at the extreme corner of the goal. Nothing further having been added on the call of time, a good game ended in a draw—two goals all.

Of the H.K.C.C. eleven, the pick were Bonnar and Kew, while Macdonald, Leachman and Lee also showed good form. The mainstay of the Recreation Club team were Wilson, Lapeley and Henderson.

CANTON RIVER SERVICE.

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TO-MORROW,
the 13th January, 1903, at 2.30 p.m., at their Sale Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Lee House Street.

SUNDAY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
Comprising:—
TEAK-WOOD WARDROBE with BEVELLED GLASS, MARBLE-TOP SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED GLASS, OVERMANTLES, DRESSING TABLES and WASH-STANDS, CHAIRS, ONE AMERICAN and ONE IRON BEDSTEAD, TEAK-WOOD BOOK-CASES, DINNER WAGON, MARBLE-TOP BLACK-WOOD TABLE, TEAK-WOOD CHEST OF DRAWERS, &c., &c.
TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, January 12, 1903.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell, by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,
the 15th January, 1903, at Noon, on the Wanchai Pier, Praya Central,—
1 Life Boat 26' x 7' x 3', with Brass Tank. 1 do. 25' 7' x 3', do.
Lying off the Wanchai Pier.
TERMS:—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer,
Hongkong, January 12, 1903.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,
the 11th January, 1903, at 11 a.m., at their Sale Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Lee House Street,—
100 Cases SCOTCH WHISKY;
45 Cases CHAMPAGNE;
20 Cases CHERRY;
15 Cases RUM;
15 Cases GIN;
A Quantity of Assorted Wines and Spirits.
TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, January 12, 1903.

SITUATION WANTED.
CORRESPONDENCE CLERK (Lady), Shorthand Typist, writing, proof-reading, Newspaper Office of Insurance preferred; Hongkong or Shanghai.
Apply, in first instance, to:—
"LAMBALE,"
Care of "CHINA MAIL" Office,
Hongkong, January 12, 1903.

GOVERNMENT BILLS.
TENDERS for SPECIE, BRITISH and MEXICAN DOLLARS, current in this Colony, in Exchange for Sterling Bills drawn at 10 days' sight on the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, London, will be received by the Chief Paymaster, Army Pay Department, until 11 a.m. on the 15th instant.

The Tenders to state the total amount required (in Pounds Sterling) and the amount for which each Bill should be drawn, but no Bills will be issued for less than £100.

The tenders to be in Duplicate, and in Sealed Covers, addressed to the Chief Paymaster, Army Pay Department, and endorsed "TENDERS FOR GOVERNMENT BILLS." The right to accept or reject any or all of the tenders is reserved.

Copies of Forms of tender can be had on application.
GEO. H. FERRIER, Colonel,
Chief Paymaster, China.
Her Majesty's Treasury Office,
Queen's Road, Hongkong,
8th January, 1903.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.
WEBER TO NOTIFY that on and after the 1st January, 1903, the Subscription to the China Mail will be as follows:—
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To-day's Advertisements

NOTICE.

THE SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING of the MEDICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN CHINA will be held in Canton at the house of Messrs. Shawan Tomes & Co. on THURSDAY, the 15th January, at 2.30 p.m.

JOHN. M. SWAN, M.D.,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 12, 1903.

LODGE ST. JOHN.
No. 618, S.C.
A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, THIS EVENING, the 12th Instant, at 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, January 12, 1903.

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IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE Steamship *DAHMSTADT*, OF THE NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 a.m. To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 19th Jan., will be subject to rent.

All broken, staved, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Monday, the 19th January, at 9.30 a.m.

All Claims must reach us before the 23rd Jan., or they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELCHERS & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, January 12, 1903.

Entertainment.
THEATRE ROYAL.
THURSDAY, 15th JANUARY, 1903.
VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT
in aid of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Institute, Arsenal Street.
GRAND NAVAL ASSAULT AT ARMS
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Performance from 9 to 11 p.m.
Prices..... \$3, \$2, and \$1.
Box Office at the Comptroller's City Hall will be open on and after Monday, the 12th January, 1903.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1903.

Intimations.
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MR. E. C. WILKS

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship Co. *Perd Lario* Capt. Fuchs, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Under- signed and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 18th Inst. will be subject to sale.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 19th Inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, January 10, 1903.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

STEAMSHIP OLYMPIA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above Steamship having arrived Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, January 10, 1903.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Co.'s Steamship *Singapore* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m. the 14th Inst. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, January 10, 1903.

AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK, STRAITS AND MANILA.

THE S. S. *Gibraltar*, Capt. S. Thomas, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are to be landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 14th Inst. will be subject to sale.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 15th Inst., at 2.30 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 7, 1903.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

'GLEN' LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship *Glenfiddich* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are to be landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, where each consignment will be sorted out, marked by marks, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 14th inst., will be subject to sale.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the Damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the steamers' arrival, after which no Claims will be recognized.

MCGREGOR BROS. & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, January 8, 1903.

Not Responsible for Debts.

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THE Underwritten, having been appointed AGENTS of the above Society in Hongkong, are prepared to issue Policies against FIRE on the usual terms.

HARRY WICKING & Co., Agents, Hongkong Office.

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TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1901, £15,722,693.

Authorized Capital, £3,000,000 0 0

Subscribed Capital, £2,700,000 0 0

Paid-up Capital, £2,687,500 0 0

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Hongkong, July 2, 1902. 1837

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Hongkong, June 12, 1902. 1254

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